

1. On 14 September 1951, it was determined that the heavy artillery unit in the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne, Brandenburg (N 53/Z 23), was equipped with: 18 artillery pieces which broke down into two loads; 36 full-track tractors; 10 to 12 Stalin tractors; 25 to 30 trucks including some repair shop trucks, field kitchens, and telephone equipment trucks; 2 half-track armored personnel carriers mounting a 20-mm AA gun each; 18 to 20 trailers for the transportation of personnel and ammunition; 1 jeep and 2 sedans. The artillery pieces had allegedly arrived in the installation three months before and were assigned to some cadre personnel of the artillery unit previously quartered there. The new unit was brought up to strength with recruits during the summer. Its artillery pieces were in the billeting area until September. The whereabouts of the old artillery unit, which was also equipped with artillery pieces transported in two loads but mounting pneumatic tires, could not be determined. *

2. Air force sentries and a few soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were observed at the Pionier Kaserne until 14 September. The unit of soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets was said to have been absent from the post. The books of the special construction office listed the units in the Infanterie Kaserne under Nos 5 and 6 and the unit in the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne under No 209.

3. On 14 September, the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne was about 30 percent occupied by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. A total of about 500 troops, carrying blankets, and field kits but no arms, were shipped to Altengrabow between 8 and 10 September. From 250 to 300 troops with rifles returned to the installation from a field exercise on 10 September. Trucks seen leaving the installation toward Altengrabow

4. On 14 September, the Flak Kaserne still quartered only a rear detail.

The Infanterie Kaserne was still occupied by about 300 recruits who were seen receiving basic training in the barracks yard. Vehicles entering the Infanterie Kaserne had to cross the billeting area of the Flak Kaserne. **

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25X1A * ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. The artillery pieces in two loads, which were observed in the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne by two other sources in the middle of July 1951, were identified as model 1931 203-mm howitzers. See MGL - 114561. The unit mentioned in the present report is believed to have been the 18th (?) Lv How Arty Brig of the 6th Arty Div, which is therefore carried in the barracks installation until 14 September 1951. The brigade is believed to be organized into three battalions, with three batteries to a battalion, and two guns to a battery. The trucks mentioned in the present report belong to the 6th Arty Div.

25X1A ** ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. The information on the Pioneer Kaserne, the Flak Kaserne and the Infanterie Kaserne indicates no change since the last report by another source and the second source of the present report. Most of the motor vehicles mentioned in the present report as having been observed at the Flak Kaserne belong to the 3d (?) Gds AT Arty Brig of the XXXIX Itz Rifle Corps.

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